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DIARY NOTES

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28 January 1964

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. General Carter requested that everyone keep an ear to the ground for meetings to which we should be but have not been invited. He cited as an example a White House meeting on Saturday, 25 January, to discuss [REDACTED] which we had not been invited to attend.

b. Dick Helms again raised the question of security at the White House. I suggested that it might be appropriate for General Carter or the Director to volunteer to make a security survey at the White House solely with a view to maximum protection of "intelligence sources and methods." Mr. Kirkpatrick seemed opposed to this suggestion, thinking that it would be political dynamite if they should not do everything we asked them to do or if they should and there were ever a leak or flap. [REDACTED] pointed out that he felt the Director had the responsibility to undertake this survey, especially to ensure the protection of COMINT sources. General Carter said that he would consider the matter.

c. I raised the question of inviting ex-President Truman to address the Midcareer Course. It was the consensus that this should not be done for this small group at this time, and General Carter directed me to "kill it" before it progressed any further.

d. I reported that the last of the [REDACTED] evacuees had left [REDACTED] yesterday and that [REDACTED] had gone into Phase I of the evacuation plan at midnight last night.

2. [REDACTED] called to follow up on my call of yesterday about destruction devices for KW-26 core boards. He said that after consulting with his people he felt that this was a problem of the Office of Logistics. I disagreed emphatically and told him that I thought he was being very bureaucratic and that I was challenging TSD to do something about it immediately. He said that no one had explained the problem to them, so I agreed to do so as soon as he could get someone in my office. This I did to [REDACTED] at 1045 hours. He took the position that this was really a responsibility of the Office of Security. I made it very clear to him and have since made it very clear to a number of other people that this was an Agency problem, that I was fed to the teeth with the bureaucracy that I had already encountered, and that I intended to see that

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all the people in the Agency who had any responsibility for this matter were locked up in a room until they came up with the best solution that the best Agency brains could produce. (At the close of business I think that everyone had the word and are now working in the right direction.) At 1705 Howard

25X1A9a [redacted] accompanied by [redacted] reported 25X1A9a  
to me that experiments conducted at [redacted] this after- 25X1A6a

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25X1A9a 3. [redacted] were up to discuss with me an NSA request that we handle some NSA traffic from [redacted] 25X1A6a  
totaling from 400 to 700 word groups per day. [redacted] suspected 25X1A9a  
that this was merely a device for the camel to get his nose under the tent and that once this was done the volume would go up at a very rapid rate. We can, however, handle 400 to 700 word groups per day without any more people or equipment. I requested that he prepare a letter for General Carter's signature saying that we would accept this volume and no more, but that if more traffic should be generated, there would have to be a new and separate negotiation.

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25X1A9a 5. [redacted] were up to talk with me about quality step increases for supergrade personnel. I reasoned that we could and should grant quality step increases to supergrades with the same criteria which applies to grades GS-15 and below. I also believe that it should not be necessary to refer these to the DDCI for approval. I requested that they prepare a paper along these lines for General Carter's approval delegating responsibility for final approval to the Director of Personnel.

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25X1A6a [redacted]. I told Doug that my interest was in getting all the air conditioners we could from the temporary buildings being demolished whether it was for [redacted]  
25X1A6a [redacted] some other installation, or a reserve stockpile. I said that I felt we had an unusually strong claim on these air conditioners since they were all bought and installed with CIA money.

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7. I talked with Mr. Kirkpatrick regarding several items.

a. I asked Kirk to give consideration to housing, [REDACTED] and a balanced support staff at the various stations he will be visiting in the next month or so.

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b. Kirk advised me that upon his departure [REDACTED] would ensure that his driver, [REDACTED] and his car are placed in the pool where he probably will remain permanently. He requested that I have Dr. Tietjen take a look at [REDACTED] since he felt that [REDACTED] is getting too old, that his reflexes are not good, and that probably he should be relieved from driving and be given a courier or some other job. (On 29 January I asked Dr. Tietjen to take a look at [REDACTED])

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c. Kirk advised me that he was sending down a notice for me to publish abolishing [REDACTED] staff. He requested that personnel on duty with this staff from other agencies be returned as expeditiously as possible.

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8. [REDACTED] advised me that Emmett Echols has an injured disc and that the doctor had directed that he stay in bed for the next several days.

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9. [REDACTED] reported to me that he had received [REDACTED] file and was prepared to accept him in the Office of Communications in a grade GS-13 slot. [REDACTED] advised me that [REDACTED] would see Gus on Thursday, 30 January, in an attempt to firm up his assignment to the Office of Communications as a grade GS-13.

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10. I delivered to [REDACTED] for General Carter's perusal a copy of a memorandum from Bob Bannerman to Bud Wheelon opposing a press release on OXCART. Hank will return this DD/S copy to me. In the course of our conversation Hank asked me to have the Office of Security pull something together about security at the White House to present to Mr. McCone when he returns, possibly suggesting that we offer to conduct a survey in the interest of protecting intelligence sources and methods.

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